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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Training

Rod:

You have probably heard the old story about the man who had a reputation for training mules. He trained them with kindness. An owner of a mule much in need of training heard of the man and took the recalcitrant animal for training. The trainer picked up a piece of two-by-four about six feet long and, with full force, hit the mule on the side of the head. The owner, horrified as well as surprised, exclaimed: "Hold on! I thought you trained mules with kindness!" Reply: "I do, but first you have to get his attention!"

My recitation of this little story is prompted by the boss' look and mine at the 16 November schedule of the Mid-career Course in which we find the Agency Records Management Officer sharing the evening's informal discussion with yourself, Dr. Tietjen, and Mr. Coffey. While I appreciate the difficulty and complications of filling time slots -- fitting all the pieces in -- it seems to me that the records business is slightly out of place with three otherwise personnel-oriented officers.

1st Bob
Robert S. Wattles

ADD/S:RSW/ms (30 Oct 72)

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